

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Economic Growth & Redevelopment Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with LARS STANLEY doing business as Stanley Architects and Artisans, Inc., 1901 EM Franklin Avenue, Austin, TX for artwork, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Art in Public Places allocation within the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant.

Fiscal Note: A Fiscal Note is attached.

For More Information: Megan Crigger, AIPP Administrator / 974-9312; Vincent Kitch, Cultural Arts Program Manager / 974-9310

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Austin Arts Commission.

As per the guidelines, the Art in Public Places Panel recommended a process of artist selection which was approved by the Arts Commission on January 30, 2006. On April 3, 2006, selection panelists and advisors reviewed artist's qualifications including images and resumes of 37 artist/artist teams who submitted for this project. Advisors to the project included the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department representative and a landscape architect who is a project consultant to the Second Street District Streetscape Improvement Project.

DESIGN CONCEPT

Mr. Stanley proposed in concept, a field of verticle, abstracted cypress trees forged from stainless steel surrounded by slabs of weathered and pockmarked limestone. Drinking fountain basins at various ADA compliant heights will stem from the lower "canopy" of the trees. Limestone seating is also proposed in the artist's initial concept.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

On November 27, 2006, the Historic Landmark Commission approved the installation of public art at mid-design to be located on the northeast corner of Second Street and Congress Avenue.